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In response to the Office Action of December 28, 2001, please consider the following remarks and request for reconsideration.

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 6-18 and 22-26 are pending. Claims 11-16 and 18 have been found free of the cited art. Claims 1-3, 6-10, 17 and 22-26 stand rejected. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections based on the following comments.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 6-10, 17 and 22-26 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,549,880 to Koksbang (the Koksbang patent). The Examiner noted that the Koksbang patent discloses lithium vanadium oxide incorporated into an electrolyte binder support. The Examiner further notes that the Koksbang patent discloses small particle sizes. With respect to claim 10, the Examiner notes that the Koksbang patent teaches heating